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REQUEST FOR DRAWING CHANGE

THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313

Dear Sir,

In response to an office action mailed on 10/06/04 for the above-identified patent application, please enter the following amendments to the drawings:

In the flow diagram of FIG.1B, for the step labeled "REPOSITION HEAD OVER TARGET SECTOR" please change the reference number from "18" to "19" as shown on the replacement sheet included herewith.

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CONCLUSION

The above amendments to the drawings do not raise new issues or add new matter; the applicant respectfully requests the examiner to enter the amendments. The examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned over the telephone in order to resolve any remaining issues that may prevent the immediate allowance of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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